

# KRONMAN FREE ON BAIL. AND INQUEST POSTPONED.

Coroner Refuses to Hold the Accused Husband Because There Is No Evidence to Warrant Such a Course.

Police Are Now Looking for the Man in Black and an Accomplice and Searching for the Stolen Jewelry.

Journal Reporters Find the Assassin Could Easily Have Escaped Through the Saloon Without Being Seen.

**N**ATHAN KRONMAN was set free by Coroner Fitzpatrick yesterday. The police failed at the inquest to produce a single accusing witness. Mr. Kronman publicly thanked the Journal for the fair treatment shown to him. The police sent out a postal card yesterday to local pawnbrokers, giving a description of the jewelry stolen from Kronman's flat, with the unusual request that a detailed description be sent to Captain McCluskey of the person who had pawned it.

The murder mystery is centered around the man who was with Mrs. Kronman for several hours on Monday afternoon. Every effort is being made to find out who he was.

Mr. Kronman, though at liberty, is watched every moment by detectives, and the police are divided in the belief of his guilt and that of the unknown visitor at his home.

Investigation shows it would have been easy to have entered the apartment house without using the front door on West Thirty-fifth street.

**SUSPECT IN BLACK HAD AN ACCOMPLICE.**

**T**HE police have not entirely given up the belief that Mr. Kronman killed his wife, and it was admitted by a detective yesterday that he was given his freedom with the consent of the District Attorney's office so that he might possibly do something or say something which might incriminate him.

The police have only the unreliable truckman Hicks to show that Mr. Kronman was at home about 2 o'clock on Monday afternoon.

Lawyer Levy, hearing of the intention of the police, advised Mr. Kronman when he left him to have nothing to say to any one, and he faithfully kept his word. He referred the detectives, who were asking all kinds of questions, to his lawyer. In the meantime Detective McCallister, Armstrong and Kelly were hard at work looking for the man who was with Mrs. Kronman on Monday afternoon. They received confirmatory proof of the Journal's exclusive story of the "man in black" from Duke Clark.

Clark, at about 11 o'clock, saw two men standing opposite the Groh apartment house, in Thirty-fifth street, and talking earnestly. One of them was the "man in black," who might be a murderer, and his companion was certainly a negro. They were together about half an hour, and then the man who was afterward seen by Mrs. Jones in the hallway of the house crossed the street.

Clark is not sure that the man went into the house by the Thirty-fifth street door, entered the rear door of Albert J. Crisp's saloon, which is under the apartment house, from which an entrance can easily be made into the hallway of the house. The negro who remained outside was short, thick-set, and dressed in a suit. He seemed to be nervous and walked up and down Thirty-fifth street, near Seventh avenue, until nearly 1 o'clock. He occasionally stopped and looked in the direction of the Kronman flat.

These two men, the detectives believe, are the key to the situation, and when found will make clear all that is now mysterious.

The detectives found occasion to spend most of their time last evening in the colony in Thirty-seventh street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues, but would not say what they were doing or seeking. The police sent postal cards to all pawnbrokers, asking for information concerning the stolen jewelry.

The police base their belief that it was not a stranger who called upon Mrs. Kronman largely on the fact that he found the jewelry under the washstand without extended search.

**ASSASSIN HAD AN EASY METHOD OF ESCAPING.**

**T**HE unknown man in black was seen to enter the house, also seen in the house and his voice was heard in Mrs. Kronman's flat. It is singular that none of the many children playing about the large number of loungers within fifty feet of the house saw him leave.

The Journal found yesterday that an entrance or an exit could be made from the premises without using the Thirty-fifth street door or attracting the slightest attention.

In the extreme rear of Crisp's liquor store is a sitting room. It is frequented mostly by women in the day time without escorts. The entrance to it is through a door adjoining the entrance to the flat. The room is in the southeast corner of the room is a toilet room, having a window four feet from the floor which opens upon an air shaft in the rear of the house.

Opening on the same shaft is a window in the hall of the flat. These two windows are about the same height and about two feet apart. Anybody could take the step between them and pass from the toilet room, to the hall, or the reverse, without any trouble.

Very few persons enter the sitting room in the daytime, and the murderer knowing the situation and fearing to pass out of the front door could have escaped in this way.

**HICKS, THE ACCUSER, HAS BAD REPUTATION.**

**"B**ILL" HICKS, the only witness against Mr. Kronman, has a reputation blacker than his skin. He formerly worked for John Reynolds, a colored truckman, who for twenty years has had a stand at Thirtieth street and Seventh avenue.

Hicks told Reynolds that he had lived in Boston and had served time in the Massachusetts State prison for stealing. He boasted among his friends that he had sworn away the life of a chief for money, and no one could be found yesterday who would say that he would believe him under oath.

Even Laura Lee, the woman who lives with Hicks in West Nineteenth street, said the same. Laura Lee told contradictory stories about the time Hicks came home on Monday night, but the weight of testimony was that he reached home at about 11



Nathan Kronman Before the Coroner on the Charge of Murdering His Wife.

(Sketches by a Journal Artist.) In the sketch Lawyer Levy, for the accused, is filing his protest against the adjournment of the inquest to August 22, and is asking the Coroner to release the prisoner.



Nathan Kronman. (From a Journal snapshot.)

## INSPECTOR THOMPSON EXPECTS A LONG CHASE.

**I**NSPECTOR THOMPSON spent a busy day yesterday on the case. After attending the inquest in the morning he went to Police Headquarters for a few minutes and then on to the West Thirty-seventh street station.

He spent much time in the precinct, accompanied by two members of his staff. "I can tell you nothing new," said the Inspector. "We are working hard and don't expect to win this case in a walk. It's a difficult job, and one that requires much work."

"Kronman was uncommunicative during our ride Thursday from the prison to his wife's funeral and back. He was naturally disconcerted—wouldn't any man in his position? He said he would give his last cent to fathom the mystery."

"It was easy enough for any stranger to gain admission to the house. Touch any one of the bells and the person upstairs will open the door. Having opened the door, it is impossible for the tenant to know whether or not you have entered the house."

"Persons living in flats are usually careless anyway about opening the street door. It should be so arranged, if possible, that the janitor or some one else should open it."

## NATHAN KRONMAN GRATEFUL TO THE JOURNAL.

**I**T is unnecessary for me to say, what I believe the public at large now believe and I know all my friends do, that I am innocent of the terrible charge of killing my wife.

I am deeply thankful to the Journal particularly for the manner in which that great newspaper has presented the facts in my case.

I am not now in a condition of mind to say or write anything. The loss of my good wife was in itself an awful blow, which was made frightfully worse when I was arrested and imprisoned, charged with her murder.

I will have much more to say to the Journal later.

*Nathan Kronman*

## CORONER REFUSES TO HOLD KRONMAN.

**H**e Decides There Is Not "a Scintilla of Evidence" Against Him.

**A**CTING CAPTAIN COONEY, of the West Thirty-seventh street police station informed the District Attorney yesterday of all the evidence he had against Nathan Kronman, accused of the murder of his wife, Annie.

The District Attorney decided that there was not sufficient evidence on which to conduct the examination before the Coroner, which was to have taken place yesterday.

Assistant District Attorney Osborne therefore went into the Coroner's court and asked for an adjournment until August 22, a week from next Tuesday. When this was granted by Coroner Fitzpatrick, Mr. Osborne turned to Cooney and said: "I guess that will give you all the time you want."

A strong protest against the adjournment was entered by Lawyer Levy for Kronman.

"This application for an adjournment evidences the weakness of the case of the police against this defendant," said Mr. Levy. "The police already have had ample time to investigate and get all the evidence that possibly could be had against my client."

"He is a respectable business man, without a blemish against his good name. He has already suffered too much, and an hour's longer imprisonment means an additional hardship."

Coroner Fitzpatrick replied that he agreed with all that Mr. Levy had said, and added: "There is not a scintilla of evidence in the possession of the police to demonstrate the guilt of the defendant. He is unfortunately in being suspected of the crime. I shall admit him to \$10,000 bail."

Three hours later approved bondsmen were obtained, and Kronman was free. Accompanied by two detectives and Lawyer George Simpson, Kronman went before Magistrate Meade, who had committed him, and the list of the formalities was over.

Kronman's bank books and other property were restored to him. He then went to his home. Kronman changed his clothing and appeared upon the street an hour later. Two detectives followed him, and the opposite corner quietly separated and followed him. He will be shadowed till the day of the inquest.

Whether in town or out of town, it always pays to keep in touch with what is going on in the advertising world. Read the "Want" advt. in next Sunday's Journal.

## MR. CROKER WILL REACH HOME TO-DAY.

Tammany Leaders Will Go Down the Bay to Meet Him.

Richard Croker comes home to-day. The St. Paul, on which he is a passenger, is expected to reach her pier this morning. Thomas E. Smith, private secretary to Mr. Croker; Connellman Frank J. Goodwin and other Tammanyites are going down

## COUNT DE MERAN PLEASES NEWPORT.

He Is Nearly Seven Feet Tall, but Very Engaging.

**RAIN SPOILS SPORT.**

Mrs. Potter Palmer Postpones a Dinner—Tennis Entries Are Small.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 11.—Another rainy day following the downpour of yesterday has served to put Newport into a trunk of gloom and padlock the trunk. Mrs. Potter Palmer, who was to have given a big dinner party at Beaulieu to-night, consulted the barometer this afternoon and ordered the function postponed.

Mrs. Edward Parsons gave a luncheon to-day and dinner parties were given to-night by Mrs. Edward Morrell, Mrs. E. Livingston Ludlow, Mrs. Charles Astor Bristed, Mrs. George S. Scott, Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish and Mrs. H. McK. Twombly.

The most conspicuous figure at the Casino last night was Count Rudolphe de Meran, who has just arrived. The Count is blond, about seven feet tall and built along the lines of a trolley pole. But he is an engaging person and seemed to furnish much entertainment for Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney and others of the younger set.

Commodore Gerry has offered a special prize of \$50 for Irish jaunting cars to be contested for at the Newport Horse Show next month. There are several fine jaunting cars here this season. Another special prize has been offered for private hansom cabs by a New York carriage firm.

John Jacob Astor's steam yacht, Nourmahal, arrived here this morning, showing the effects of her collision with a canal boat yesterday.

Much to the surprise of those who had predicted a revival in tennis, there were but thirty-eight entries filed this morning for national championship events, which will open at the Casino next Tuesday. There were sixty-two entries last year. Neither R. D. Wrenn, the former champion, nor Clarence Hobart is entered this year.

Mr. Charles "Fatty" Bates left Newport yesterday this morning for Narragansett Pier. He drove his faithful coach down the Mill street hill like an engine answering a three-alarm fire call, narrowly missed demolishing a cab and finally drove into the ferryboat at such speed that his leaders almost "skated off of the bow of the ship." He will shortly drive his coach from Narragansett Pier to New York with a party of friends.

**BROADWAY MERCHANTS WANT ASPHALT PAVEMENT.**

Merchants, Hotel Keepers and Theatrical Men Join in a Petition for It.

All the Broadway hotel keepers between Fourteenth and Forty-second streets, and more than two-thirds of the property owners, have addressed a letter to Acting Mayor Guggenheimer petitioning the authorities to have Broadway with asphalt within the limits designated.

President Guggenheimer is a thorough sympathizer with the movement, and extended a letter to the Executive Committee that traffic in that part of Broadway was by no means too heavy for asphalt.

The letter was promptly sent to the Board of Public Improvement.

Commissioner Keating said nothing could be done about the improvements contemplated until the Municipal Court had passed the bond issue of \$2,000,000 for repaving. This has been held up in the Council since early this year.

Prominent Broadway merchants complain that on account of the broken condition of the street business has been diverted to other districts.

The proprietors of theatres and hotels are determined that the improvement shall be speedily made. They point to the fact that this portion of Broadway is the best known and most frequented street in America.

**NEW HAVEN COMPANY REFUSES CONFERENCE.**

Railway Firemen Say They Will Strike Next Week if the Telegraphers Do.

New Haven, Conn., Aug. 11.—An attempt was made to-day by the committee from the Locomotive Engineers and Firemen's Brotherhood to confer with the officials of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, but the latter would not recognize the committee as representatives of a labor organization.

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## CANNIBALS CHASE COUNT FETETICS.



Countess Fetetics, Formerly Miss Haggin.

She is a New York girl and the granddaughter of Millionaire J. B. Haggin. She has been cruising in the Southern Seas in the yacht Tolna, narrowly escaped death recently at the hands of savages.

The Tolna had been visiting the larger of the Solomon Islands, the Count taking many chances to secure photographs of head-hunting battles and cannibal feasts, when the savage models developed sudden and fierce hostility.

The Count and his party became suspicious just in time, and, returning to the yacht, were fortunate in getting a favorable wind. As it was, the canoes of the cannibals pursued them for many miles.

The news was brought here by the Milwaukee.

The Countess Fetetics is a daughter of Mrs. Louis T. Haggin, of No. 28 Fifth avenue, New York, and a granddaughter of Millionaire J. B. Haggin, of California.

She was married in February, 1892, and she and her husband then took a five-year cruise among the South Sea Islands. They started upon a second cruise last year, and in December attempted to enter Manila Bay, but were warned by Admiral Dewey to keep away.

Count Fetetics appears to have a mania for visiting cannibals, and he and his wife have had many interesting adventures among them.

**WOMAN SHOT IN A FAMILY FEUD.**

Petty Fight Over a Garden Leads to Probable Murder.

Trenton, Aug. 11.—Tullytown, a small Pennsylvania settlement about five miles from here, was the scene of a shooting this morning, arising from a quarrel over a few dollars' worth of produce, James Zazo, aged fifteen years, shooting Mrs. Victoria Martino.

There had been trouble for some time between the two families, in fact, ever since the Zazos bought the building lots on which the Martino had been raising vegetables. The Zazos claimed that after they bought the lots the vegetables belonged to them, and this was disputed by the Martino and a bitter family feud resulted.

The climax came this morning, when Mrs. Zazo and Mrs. Martino met on the land in question. They started to quarrel, and later to fight. Mrs. Zazo was accompanied by her son, James, and while the two women were fighting the boy ran to his home and got a revolver. In a few minutes he returned and fired the revolver twice at Mrs. Martino, one shot taking effect in the abdomen.

The Martino fell to the ground, and the boy fled toward Penn's Manor and made his escape. He is believed to be hiding in the woods near the Martino's place. St. Francis's Hospital, this city, where she is in a precarious condition.

**HE WANTS RESIGNATIONS.**

Governor Voorhees Soon to Act on the Girls' Industrial School Scandal.

Trenton, N. J., Aug. 11.—Governor Voorhees took no action to-day regarding the scandal in the State Industrial School for Girls. Trustee Stokes handed the Executive his resignation, which was accepted.

The Governor has written to the reformatories of other States asking for their methods of punishment, and will take no decisive action until this information and all expected depositions are before him.

He refused to be interviewed on the subject to-day, but intimated that the resignation of the Board of Trustees would relieve him of great embarrassment.

**ROBBED ON AN EXCURSION.**

A Chicago Woman Causes Chief Kipley to Get After Gamblers.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 11.—Anna Nelson, of No. 257 West Chicago avenue, has sworn out a warrant, in which she alleges she was defrauded out of \$27 on the excursion steamer Gordon on Sunday by "shell game" workers unknown to her, but whom she can point out.

The warrant is now in the hands of Detective of the Central Station, and it was this morning in connection with others, that induced Chief Kipley to resort to vigorous measures during the week for the suppression of gambling.

**ADMIRAL DEWEY GOING TO MUSKOGEE LAKE.**

Would greatly benefit in health and enjoy the fishing, hunting, bathing, golfing, lawn tennis and other pleasures. Descriptive circulars from the Army, 290 Broadway, New York.

**ZANGWILL AND DREYFUS.**

Israel Zangwill, the distinguished author, will discuss the historical significance of the Dreyfus trial in the Sunday Journal.

W. J. BRYAN WRITES ON THE INCOME TAX IN NEXT SUNDAY'S JOURNAL.